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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
PATEL, Arvind D.

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For: IMPROVED OIL-BASED DRILLING FLUID

Prior Application No. 08/862,201

Prior Group Art Unit: 1712

Prior Examiner: Tucker, P.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Before undertaking the examination of the above noted application,  
Applicant hereby requests the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An invert emulsion fluid having utility for drilling, completing, or working over  
subterranean wells, said fluid comprising:

- a) an oleaginous fluid;
- b) a non-oleaginous fluid; and
- c) an amine surfactant having the structure

